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The government wouldn't be hurt a bit if it carried parcel post packages to boys in Mexico and along the border without cost. It might be discrimination, but it would be the kind of discrimination we would like to see.

Senator Page seems to base his argument for continuance in office mainly on the fact that he has already worn the senatorial toga eight years. But a man with eight years' start may be beaten.

The year 1916 was summerless. The year 1916 was slow in starting, but it is making the average all right. We fellows who drew lots to go on a vacation early in June when rain fell every day and the wind and the temperature was low know.

Senator Dillingham, when facing a strenuous campaign for reelection, won by a good majority through his own personal efforts in meeting thousands of people face to face and telling them about his record and just where he stood on important questions. Senator Page might try this method, but we don't believe he will.

There is every indication of another big apple crop in New England, but of distribution breaks down as it all what good does it do for the farmers to ways less. Agricultural experts are constantly urging the farmers to plant more trees and to take better care of the old orchards. This advice is excellent. The country can use more apples and it is willing and able to pay fair prices. But in connection with free planting, spraying and fertilizing, the farmers should be told how to stop the shameful waste of the apple crop through inefficient methods of marketing.

Yale, Iowa, is a town that had 273 population at the time of the 1910 census. It is a marketing and shipping town for an agricultural region. There is a back there run by L. M. Swindler, who has offered to give \$10 a mile to help surface with gravel the roads leading to the town. He explained his offer this way: "I do this for the very simple reason that the better the roads leading to our town, the more business will come to us. The more business that comes to our town, the more business I stand a chance to get. I know of no better investment a business man can make than to assist in creating good roads leading to this town."

The usually accurate and careful New York Sun speaks of King George of England as being the first cousin of Emperor William of Germany "once removed." We were not aware that King George had been even once removed from his cousinship with the German emperor, unless the removal was caused by the war. King George's father and Emperor William's mother were own brother and sister, both of them children of the late Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort. That ought to make the present king and the present emperor first cousins without qualification. Some years ago these cousins fell on each other's necks in a show of affection. If William fell on George's neck now it would be with both feet.

The movies are given credit and discredit for a lot of things, but it is certainly good news to hear that they are making inroads on the saloons. Chiefs of police in many prominent cities say they are, and the national board of review of motion pictures is making careful inquiries about the matter. The W. C. T. U. and the temperance department of the Methodist church are investigating also. Saloon men seem to be disturbed. Chief of Police Smith of New Haven, Conn., is positive that within his bailiwick saloon patrons have decreased and motion picture fans increased proportionately. He says that from his conversation with saloon men who have been identified with liquor interests for a long time he continually hears that profits are lessening and that the invitation now is "let's go see a picture" instead of "let's go get a drink." Some one has recently said that the movie men and the anti-saloon forces should dine each other.

The Meddler

"If the coat fits you, put it on"

The action for an accounting brought by Superior Judge E. L. Waterman against the estate of the late United States Judge James L. Martin, who was his law partner before fortune favored them with judicial offices to the extent that they gave up their partnership business, emphasizes the advisability of partners knowing where they stand financially from year to year. For men to pool their incomes and draw from the common fund as needed may be an expression of confidence and of congenial business association, but there comes a time for business associations to cease, and then is the time that each associate's financial status in the firm ought to be known with such approximate accuracy as to avoid the necessity of litigation. To The Meddler, at least, it would seem that lawyers would be wise enough not to get into that situation.

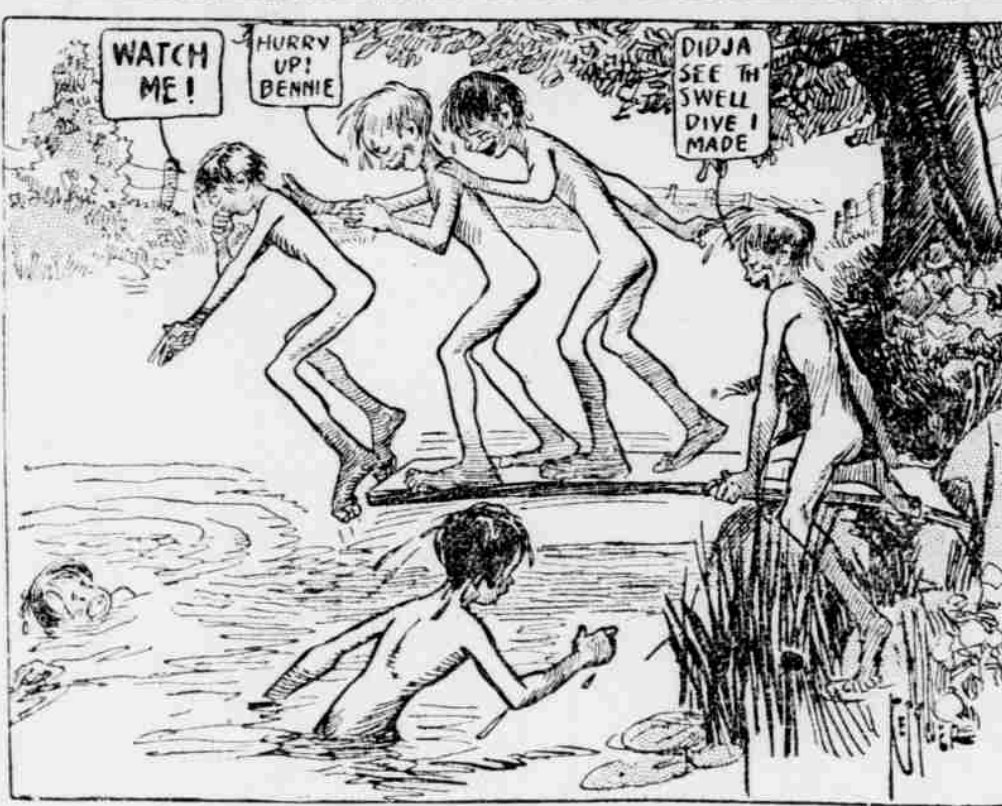
The attendance at the annual meeting of the incorporated school district Tuesday evening may, or may not, have been because of a suspicion that an attempt might be made to "put something over." If that were the reason for the large and very representative attendance of both men and women there might be justification in the future in "starting something" to be sure that representative voters, and a fair proportion of them, select the officers to govern the village, town and schools. In the particular instance of this meeting, however, the large attendance devoted its collective self to attesting the appreciation generally felt of the services of the chairman of the prudential committee, Rev. E. Q. S. Osgood, who so long and so faithfully has directed the affairs of the public schools and whose unanimous reelection to the prudential committee was gratifying to all fair-minded people.

While the weather this week gives no indications of approaching fall and closed cars on the local trolley road the calendar shows that it will not be many weeks before riding on open trolley cars will be uncomfortable. From all over the country is heard the tale of belated shipments of orders and the tale of inability of concerns to fill orders. The Twin State Gas & Electric Co. is, therefore, in a serious predicament. In June, when the new superintendent of the Twin State company, H. L. Olds, was in town, he promised a new closed car to meet the order of the public service commission by fall. This week, when in town, he said in reply to a question about the new car, that the officers of the company had hunted high and low for a suitable conveyance within the means of the company and as yet had been unable to locate one. On two different occasions Mr. Olds has said that the company does not feel it can afford to place a new car on the road but is seeking a second-hand one that can be put in first-class condition. If it takes much more time to get one, and anywhere near the time to put it in condition that it did the last one bought, it will of necessity be a very late fall if Mr. Olds succeeds in making good his promise.

The sporting editor read aloud from The Reformer last night "the per capita wealth of the United States has now reached the \$2,000 mark," and then we heard him sigh as he murmured "some lobster's pinched mine."

Did you ever stop to think what a fine thing it would be if Brattleboro really had swimming pools these hot days? There ought to be places where both sexes of all ages could get a chance for a refreshing swim close to our doors. There is no spot available near the village except the Island Park grounds, and the conditions there are not altogether favorable, but with a little expenditure of money a place could be fitted up that would be safe and that would give people enjoyable and healthful exercise. And there are no sharks near the island.

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THE DOG DAYS

The dog days are a period which is given to the human race every summer in order that man may have a foretaste of what is in store for the summer. This period continues for forty days and nights, starting with July 3 and ending with August 11, by which time everybody is reduced to repentance and the wearing of sheer tissue underclothes.

The annual visitation of the dog days is due entirely to the action of Sirius, the dog star, which encourages the sun to produce more heat than at any other time of the year. If there were some way to suppress Sirius by act of congress and prevent him from inciting the sun to murder, more people would remain at home during July and August, instead of centering off to some \$20-a-day summer resort and filling away precious hours which could be used in earning fruit. There probably is some good reason why Sirius should be allowed to bob up during the touring season and destroy the happiness and inner tubes of inoffensive people, but science has never discovered what it is.

Before condemning dog days, however, we should remember that without them the corn crop would be a bigger failure than the manufacture of shower baths in Mexico. The intense brand of perpetual-motion heat produced by the sun during the dog days may be discomfiting to the man who wears the half-inch wool union suit winter and summer, but it is a great boon to the July 3 and ending with August 11, by corn crop, causing it to rise to the height of eleven feet and sprout long ears of unshelled corn which can be fed to the young and ardent pig with perfect safety. Last year the supply of dog days ran short, and as a result the corn crop proved a greater disappointment than the Republican vote in Alabama.

The dog days furnish an excellent excuse for the tired business man to leave home and recuperate in some lonely spot, far from woman, where he can fish in solitude and not be interrupted by dressmakers' bills. On this account there are some women who would prefer to have the dog days come often and stay longer, thus reducing dish-washing to a minimum.

One of the sad contradictions in life is to come north in the summer to escape that heat and run into a series of dog days that would wring perspiration out of a cigar-store Indian. This teaches us that dog days are alike when they get real dogged.

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DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE



MAY GRAHAM BONNER

GNOMES' CIRCUS.

The Children had been to a Circus that afternoon, and when Daddy came in the Nursery to tell them the usual Evening Story, they were very eager to know if a Circus was given often in Fairyland.

"Dear me, yes," said Daddy. "All the Fairies, Elves, Brownies, Gnomes and many of the Animals love a Circus almost better than anything else. And it was only yesterday that the Gnomes got up one of the best Circuses ever given."

"You see," said Peter Gnome, "the reason some of those Animals and Fairies are going to say our Circus was the best is because I've got a scheme."

Now gather round me, Gnomes, while I whisper it to you."

"All the little Gnomes sat on teardrops and on the ground and on big rocks—anywhere so they could be near Peter and hear his idea."

"Yes," Peter continued, "the reason this Circus will be so wonderful is because we'll do all the work and not show off." Some of the little Gnomes looked a trifle sad at this, especially the four Gnome brothers, who always loved to do a bicycle act. But then Peter went on to explain that they would have plenty of chances to show off at many another circus. And pretty soon the Gnomes began to understand that they must have the work to do in order to make their guests enjoy themselves.

"So Peter Gnome went around the countryside getting together his performers, and soon came the day for the big event. All the Fairies, Elves, Brownies, Rabbits, Squirrels, and even the Meadow Mice and the Moles were invited to the Circus. And the Grasshoppers, Lizards, Snails and Butterflies were invited too. Several families of Birds were given box seats in the best tree near where the Gnomes held their Circus."

"The performers had practiced

their tricks again and again so they were in fine form when the Circus began. First of all, there was the parade, and the Gnomes played the band. Peter Gnome had a big stick which he threw up in the air as the band was playing, and did many funny things which made the audience laugh.

"And then the Gnomes who were not in the band set to work. They pulled up the ropes and the swings, and got everything ready for the performers as they came out, and so quickly did they work that there was not a moment when some fine act was not being performed."

"The Butterflies gave a Butterfly dance which was very beautiful and Mr. Sun threw on his wonderful spotlight for that act. The Rabbits raced and jumped, and drove the chariots drawn by the Meadow Mice, over which there was great excitement. The Grasshoppers rode on the backs of the Moles, and jumped through hoops made of meadow weeds."

"And all the time the Gnomes rushed about fixing up things so that no time would be wasted, and in between times they went around as Clowns, making funny speeches and getting all the Animals and Fairies to laugh until they nearly cried! The tears did trickle down the faces of the Squirrels, for they love fun and enjoy good jokes."

"A number of the Gnomes had been chosen to pass around pink lemonade, wild berries, wood nuts and ice-cream cones. All the audience had been enjoying these goodies, and they were almost gone. The Gnomes each had one basketful left, and they began to walk around the benches and seats, saying:

"Last time for lemonade. Who wants ice cream cones? Try our wood nuts. And all of a sudden, one of the Gnomes shouted:

"Why, there come the Snails. We'd forgotten about them in our excitement over the Circus."

"Well," said the Snails, "we're right on time, aren't we?"

"Every creature laughed hard at that, but the Gnomes who were passing the good things to eat and drink and munch, said: 'Just in time for the last round of our Circus food!'

"Well, that's time enough," said the snails. And they managed to keep awake during the last two acts of the Gnomes' marvelous Circus!"



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